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Petition for Extention of Time

SIR:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action of January 12, 2005. The extended deadline expires on May 12, 2005.

A fee in the amount of \$490.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due in connection with this communication, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-0838. Small entity status applies to this application.

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